

Calendar for the Week of June 20, 2021

Today: 5:00 pm Youth Group
Tuesday: 7:00 pm AA Meeting
Wednesday: 6:30 pm Brianna Hope
7:00 pm Praise Team
Thursday: 6:00 pm Trustee meeting
Friday: Newsletter Articles Due

Announcements:

****Trustee Meeting** will be Thursday June 24 starting at 6:00pm. Please let Sue Baumann or the church office know if you are unable to attend.

****Youth Retreat** will be July 18-24. We are looking for youth and volunteers for the retreat. If you are interested in going/helping, please see Clint Knaub or the church office.

****Newsletter Articles** are due Friday June 25 to the church office.

****More Announcements** to be found in the Bulletin Insert.

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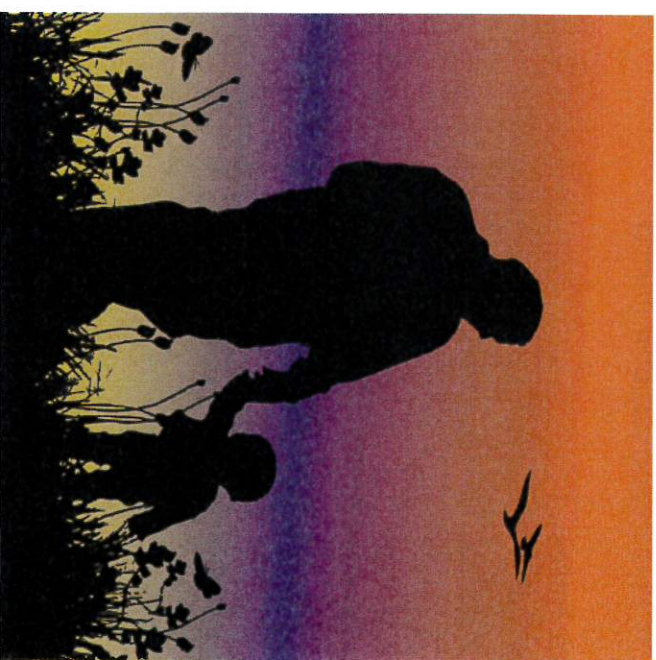
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Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world as we Connect in Community, Grow in Faith, and Serve in Love as followers of Jesus.



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Father's Day

10 am Worship Celebration

Guest Speaker: Derek Vrablic

Scripture Reading

Luke 15: 11-32 (See bulletin insert)

Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: "Perspective of the Prodigal"

Guest Speaker: Derek Vrablic

Sermon Notes:

Welcome, Announcements, & Prayer

*Opening Praise

My Feet Are On The Rock

Forever Reign

Good Good Father

INUMC District Conference Summary

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*Scripture Reading

Luke 15: 11-32

*Apostle's Creed

Message

"Perspective of the Prodigal "

Guest Speaker: Derek Vrablic

*Closing Song

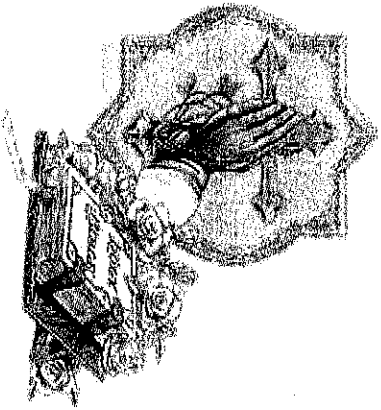
This Is Amazing Grace

*Dismissal

*Please stand, as you are able

--Offering may be left in the baskets outside the Sanctuary

--We are encouraging the practice of social distancing and wearing face masks during this time. Thank you for your cooperation.



Scripture Reading

Luke 15: 11-32

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has

come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

Church Helpers

Ushers: Darrell & Diane Valentine

Scripture Reader: Teri Morningstar

Guest Speaker: Dereck Vrablic

Lay Leader: Scott Porter

Power Point: Maverick Shifferly

Sound: Derek Vrablic

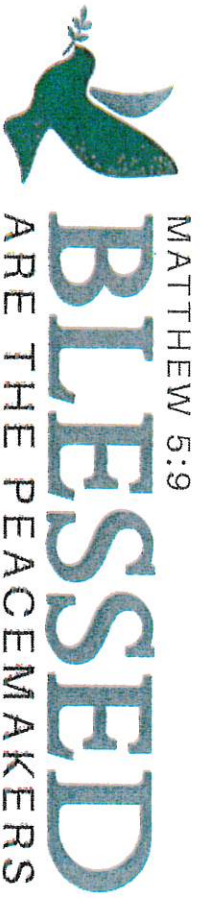
Music: Terri Boyd, Karen Tricker, Teri Morningstar, Gabe Burgin, Chad & Owen Johnson, Chad Poling, Steve Pilkington

**If you would like to help with worship service, please let the church office know. Thank you.

Altar Flower Sign Up Chart has lots of openings for anyone who wishes to provide flowers for the altar this year. The chart is located in the hallway by the rose garden. Sign up today.

Annual Church Picnic will be on July 24 at the Decatur Heights Cottage. There will be more information to come.





ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY

June 20, 2021

2021 is the first fully-digital Annual Conference in the history of the Indiana Conference.

PLENARY HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2022 Annual Conference budget was adopted.
- 22 churches were acknowledged for their many years of changing lives, though they disbanded in the last year.
- Sarah Jenkins was elected as Conference Chancellor and Heidi Harding was named Conference Treasurer.
- Resolution #1, Resolution #2, and Resolution #3 (as amended) were all adopted.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 children were baptized.
- 30 retirees were honored for their 737 years of combined service.
- 6 persons were commissioned as provisional members.
- 3 persons were commissioned for the work of elder.
- 2 new Conference Superintendents were appointed.
- Order of Deacons celebrated their 25th anniversary.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The Conference honored the lives of 38 clergy and 40 spouses who have joined the Church Triumphant in the last year.

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

Bishop Trimble shared an impassioned Episcopal Address entitled *Awesome and Amazing*. Bishop shared several examples of how God has been at work in the Indiana Conference in the last year, from church plants and Fresh Expressions to virtual Bible studies and baptisms. He declared, "Thank you, God, for signs of Pentecost and prayer power, for constant sightings and signs of Jesus and justice!"

2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

We are planning to meet in person June 9-11, 2022, at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana.



United Methodist Churches of Indiana

